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Thank you for this request to respond to the Gatwick Airport new runway submission and the recent exchanges between the SoS and the applicant.

I would like to make the following comments -

Gatwick has serious noise issues today that it refuses to acknowledge and shuts residents in rooms to discuss but never address the issue of growth, key to why noise complaints grow. I fully support the SoS comments on the number of houses that will be impacted but suggest that noise is a 30 mile radius for this airport as such true compensation for this new runway should be forthcoming to the homes devalued. Gatwick progress and require FASIS to reach the number of movements as such compensation for new flight paths must be part of this DCO. Without FASIS I do not believe they will reach the number of movements stated as well as the lack of ground services to accommodate such growth.

The economics are very questionable for this seasonal leisure airport with air passenger duty increase, EU removal of tax benefits, mandatory SAF, all making airline ticket prices to increase as well as the cost of a new runway. The jobs being offered are low skilled and low paid as such workers can't afford to live locally or travel by public transport, as such this benefit must also be seen as fiction. Seasonal travel and local seasonal peaks such as at vineyards, tourist attractions, warehousing, etc, there are not enough staff locally now to meet the vacancies. Migrating workers will use their cars to travel and park on residential roads as result adding to the local burden.

The applicant hosts more talking shops in the form of the Transport Forum which does not include communities impacted by its operations.

Surface access was key to Gatwick being turned down in favour of Heathrow by the Airport Commission as such nothing has changed. I do not believe their sustainable transport plan is feasible as such restrictions as suggested by Network Rail should be mandatory and additional funding must be found for road maintenance via the DCO.

Wastewater treatment plant onsite must be mandatory to stop the flooding of roads and homes by the applicant due to the lack of capacity with Thames Water.

I am personally disappointed that the SoS has not seen fit to put restrictions on growth in relation to the decline in air quality which will be inevitable with a new runway.

Thank you

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